

# **CMS Special Open Door Forum: Guidance Document on Medicare Coverage Decisions Associated with Data Collection Requirements**

Monday, February 14, 2005  
3:00-5:00 PM (Eastern Time)

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is holding this Special Open Door Forum to engage stakeholders in a public dialogue to assist the agency in the development of a draft guidance document concerning Medicare coverage decisions associated with data collection requirements.

## **Topics for Discussion and Comment:**

- Criteria for selecting technologies for which CMS might employ data collection requirements in certain National Coverage Determinations.
- Criteria associated with the application of different data collection designs dependant upon the type of coverage determination.
- Other issues associated with these data collection requirements that might be addressed through a guidance document.

This effort is being led by the Agency's Council for Technology and Innovation (CTI). The CTI is charged with leading improvements in the coordination of coverage, coding, and payment processes with respect to new technologies and procedures (including new drug therapies). The CTI will additionally serve in facilitating the exchange of information between CMS and other entities both public and private, that are faced with making similar decisions. This Council replaces the previous Medicare Technology Council and consists of cross-cutting members of the Agency's senior staff and is co-chaired by the Director of the Center for Medicare Management, Herb Kuhn, who is designated the Council's Executive Coordinator, and Sean Tunis, MD, the director of the Office of Clinical Standards and Quality.

For more information on the CTI, please refer to the CTI webpage:  
<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/providers/cti>.

## **Open Door Participation Instructions:**

There are 2 ways to participate, by phone or "in-person".

### **1. To participate by phone:**

Dial: **1-800-837-1935** & Reference Conference ID: **3686222**

Persons participating by phone do not need to RSVP.

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<http://www.consumer.att.com/relay/which/index.html>.

A Relay Communications Assistant will help.

**2. To participate in-person:**

If you intend to participate in person, **RSVP is required:**

Please send a reply to this email by close of business Wednesday, February 9, 2005 to [SpecialODF@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:SpecialODF@cms.hhs.gov).

Please include the words “**CTI**” in the subject line of your message, and send us the following information:

- a) Your full name
- b) Your organization or representation
- c) Your contact information (phone and email)
- d) Special needs information

**Location information:**

ADDRESS:

CMS Single Site Building  
Auditorium  
7500 Security Boulevard  
Baltimore, MD 21244

Map & Directions: <http://cmsnet.cms.hhs.gov/hpages/ocsq/cmsdirections-north.htm>

**ENCORE:** 1-800-642-1687

"Encore" is a recording of this call that can be accessed by dialing 1-800-642-1687 and entering the Conf. ID # **3686222**

The recording begins on Tuesday, February 15, 2005 and expires after 4 business days.

For automatic emails of Open Door Forum schedule updates (Listserv registration) and to view Frequently Asked Questions please visit our website at:

[www.cms.hhs.gov/opendoor](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/opendoor).